

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Minutes and Informal Instructions of the Open Meeting of
Thursday, August 27, 2009

The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (Commission) met as noticed. Present were Chairperson Callisto, Commissioner Meyer, and Commissioner Azar.

Minutes

The Commission approved the minutes of the Open Meeting of Thursday, August 20, 2009

3270-SB-129 – Application of Madison Gas and Electric Company for Authority to Issue and Have Outstanding at Any One Time Short-Term Notes and Commercial Paper in Amounts not to Exceed \$100,000,000

The Commission approved the Notice of Investigation and directed it be signed by the Secretary to the Commission on behalf of the Commission.

3095-WR-103 – Application of Town of Lawrence Water Utility, Brown County, Wisconsin, for Authority to Increase Water Rates

The Commission approved the Notice of Proceeding and directed it be signed by the Secretary to the Commission on behalf of the Commission.

3950-WR-102 – Application of Mount Horeb Water and Sewer Utility, Dane County, Wisconsin, for Authority to Revise its Public Fire Protection Charge Recovery Method

The Commission approved the Notice of Proceeding and Telephonic Hearing and directed it be signed by the Secretary to the Commission on behalf of the Commission.

4403-WR-101 – Application of the Omro Sanitary District Number 1, Winnebago County, Wisconsin, for Authority to Increase Rates

The Commission approved the Notice of Proceeding and directed it be signed by the Secretary to the Commission on behalf of the Commission.

6370-CW-102 – Application of West Baraboo Municipal Water and Sewer Utility, Sauk County, Wisconsin, to Construct Well No. 1

The Commission approved the Notice of Investigation and directed it be signed by the Secretary to the Commission on behalf of the Commission.

6730-CW-103 – Application of Withee Municipal Water Utility, Clark County, Wisconsin, to Construct Water Treatment Facility Improvements

The Commission approved the Notice of Investigation and directed it be signed by the Secretary to the Commission on behalf of the Commission.

5-AE-153 – Application of American Transmission Company LLC, Wisconsin Power and Light Company, Wisconsin Electric Power Company, Madison Gas and Electric Company, Wisconsin Public Service Corporation, and Upper Peninsula Power Company for Approval of a Project Services Agreement and Common Facilities Agreement and Termination of a Transitional Services Agreement

The Commission modified and approved the Common Facilities Agreement and Project Services Agreement requested on behalf of American Transmission Company LLC.

The Commission directed the Gas and Energy Division to draft an order consistent with its discussion.

5-EI-148 – Investigation on the Commission’s Own Motion Regarding Advance Renewable Tariff Development

The Commission discussed the record in this matter and requested the larger utility parties (meaning the major independently-owned utilities, Municipal Electric Utilities of Wisconsin, WPPI Energy, Dairyland Power Cooperative, and Wisconsin Electric Cooperative Association) to collaborate and try to come up with a consensus approach to expanding voluntary Advance Renewable Tariffs (ART) in a way that promotes greater statewide consistency in tariff offerings, tariff design, and prices.

The Commission indicated that smaller individual utilities and cooperatives are also welcome to join the larger utility parties in this collaborative process.

The Commission directed that a technical conference will be held on voluntary ARTs in roughly 60 days, i.e., on or about October 26, 2009. The starting point and foundation for this technical conference will be presentations by the utility parties on the consensus approach they develop.

5-UR-103 – Joint Application of Wisconsin Electric Power Company and Wisconsin Gas LLC, both d/b/a We Energies, for Wisconsin Electric Power Company to Increase Its Electric, Natural Gas, and Steam Rates and for Wisconsin Gas LLC to Increase Its Natural Gas Rates

2010 and 2011 Voluntary Natural Gas Energy Efficiency Programs

The Commissioner modified and approved the 2010 and 2011 voluntary Natural Gas Energy Efficiency Programs filed on behalf of Wisconsin Electric Power Company – Gas Operations and Wisconsin Gas, LLC.

The Commission determined We Energies' proposed Education and Awareness, Multi-Family, Small Commercial programs, and Residential Assistance programs are in the public interest.

The Commission directed Commission staff to work with We Energies for a period of 60 days to determine if the pilot programs (Low Income, IGT R&D, Community Gas Savings Challenge, and Industrial Productivity) are in the public interest. We Energies may then resubmit its request for the voluntary natural gas pilot programs. If approved, the pilot programs would be eligible for implementation beginning January 1, 2010.

The Commission delegated the decision on whether to approve the pilot programs to the Administrator of the Gas and Energy Division.

The Commission determined that it would approve up to \$5.85 million to continue the Education and Awareness, Multi-Family, Residential Assistance and Small Commercial natural gas programs.

The Commission conditionally approved up to an additional \$1.85 million for the pilot programs approved by the Administrator of the Gas and Energy Division.

The Commission determined that We Energies, should it resubmit a request for the pilot programs, shall include a showing that the portfolio of programs, including the continuing programs and the pilot programs, pass the net cost-effectiveness test.

The Commission directed We Energies to work with Commission staff to address identified evaluation issues.

The Commission directed the Gas and Energy Division to draft an order consistent with its discussion.

3270-GF-100 – Madison Gas and Electric Company’s Gas Cost Recovery Mechanism, Reported Actual Results (Original Docket 3270-UR-109)

The Commission accepted the reported gas cost recovery mechanism results for the year ended October 31, 2007, filed on behalf of Madison Gas and Electric Company.

The Commission directed the Gas and Energy Division to draft an order consistent with its discussion.

6630-GF-106 – Wisconsin Electric Power Company’s Gas Cost Recovery Mechanism, Reported Actual Results (Original Docket 6630-GR-101)

The Commission accepted the proposed incentive gas cost recovery mechanism results for the year ended October 31, 2007, filed on behalf of Wisconsin Electric Power Company.

The Commission directed the Gas and Energy Division to draft an order consistent with its discussion.

6630-GR-102 – Application of Wisconsin Electric Company-Gas Operations for a Fixed Natural Gas Bill Program Known as Rely-a-Bill

The Commission approved the request filed on behalf of Wisconsin Electric Power Company – Gas Operations for a one-year extension of its Rely-a-Bill fixed bill pilot program from November 1, 2009, to October 31, 2010.

The Commission directed the Gas and Energy Division to draft an order consistent with its discussion.

6650-GF-101 – Wisconsin Gas Company’s Gas Cost Recovery Mechanism, Reported Actual Results (Original Docket 6650-GR-116)

The Commission accepted the proposed incentive gas cost recovery mechanism results for the year ended October 31, 2007, filed on behalf of Wisconsin Gas, LLC.

The Commission directed the Gas and Energy Division to draft an order consistent with its discussion.

6650-GR-117 – Application of Wisconsin Gas Company for a Fixed Natural Gas Bill Program Known as Rely-a-Bill

The Commission approved the request filed on behalf of Wisconsin Gas, LLC, for a one-year extension of its Rely-a-Bill fixed bill pilot program from November 1, 2009, to October 31, 2010.

The Commission directed the Gas and Energy Division to draft an order consistent with its discussion.

6690-EI-109 – Complaint and Request to Open Docket of Granite Peak Corporation Against Wisconsin Public Service Corporation for Violation of State Law in Relation to Wisconsin Public Service Corporation's Charges for Electrical Power

The Commission declined to open a docket in this matter as Granite Peak Corporation has not presented a sufficient basis to investigate the billing at issue and/or has not met the requirements of Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 2.07.

The Commission requested that Wisconsin Public Service Corporation work with Granite Peak Corporation to determine a reasonable payment schedule for the amounts due.

The Commission adjourned the meeting at 11:33 a.m.

Sandra J. Paske
Secretary to the Commission